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AID FOR DEFENSE OF ICELAND

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AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND ICELAND

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Effective November 21, 1941

AND
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Whereas the United States of America and the Government of Iceland have agreed that in their mutual interests, the protection of Iceland should be entrusted to the United States of America; and

Whereas the United States of America has agreed to further the interests of Iceland in every way in its power, including that of supplying Iceland with sufficient necessities and of securing necessary shipping to and from that country and of making in other respects favorable commercial and trade agreements with it; and

Whereas the President of the United States of America has determined, pursuant to the Act of the Congress of the United States of March 11, 1941, [1] that the defense of Iceland is vital to the defense of the United States of America; and

Whereas the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Iceland are mutually desirous of concluding an agreement which will facilitate the procurement of such defense articles, as defined in said Act, as the Government of Iceland may wish to obtain from the United States of America; and

Whereas the making of such an agreement has been in all respects duly authorized, and all acts, conditions and formalities which it may have been necessary to perform, fulfill or execute prior to the making of such agreement, in conformity with the laws either of the United States of America or of Iceland have been performed, fulfilled or executed, as required, the undersigned, being duly authorized for that purpose, have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

The Government of the United States of America will procure for the Government of Iceland through an agency of the United States of America such defense articles as the Government of Iceland may wish to purchase, in so far as the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Iceland deem such procurement in the best interests of both Governments. The Government of Iceland will pay the Government of the United States of America for defense articles procured for it in accordance with this agreement, prior to the receipt of such articles, and will make such payments from time to time as the President of the United States of America may require to protect the interests of the United States of America; and, upon

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payment of the full cost the President of the United States of America will dispose of such articles to the Government of Iceland. In conformity, however, with the Act of the Congress of the United States of America of March 11, 1941, the Government of the United States of America reserves the right at any time to suspend, defer, or stop deliveries whenever in the opinion of the President of the United States of America further deliveries are not consistent with the needs of the defense of the United States of America.

If, by reason of the exercise of the right so reserved, the Government of the United States of America shall fail to deliver any defense articles for which the Government of Iceland has, prior to the receipt of such articles, made any payment, the Government of the United States of America will refund such payment or will credit such payment against other defense articles to be procured by an agency of the United States of America for or on behalf of the Government of Iceland, in accordance with this agreement.

Records shall be kept of such articles agreed to be procured, of all payments therefor, and of all deliveries thereof, and of the use or disposition thereof and of any other pertinent information; and not less than every ninety days these records shall be exchanged, reviewed, and verified.

ARTICLE II

The Government of Iceland will not, without the prior consent of the President of the United States of America, transfer title to, or possession of, any defense article to any person not an officer, employee or agent of the Government of Iceland, or permit the use of any such article or any part thereof by any such person.

ARTICLE III

If, as a result of the sale to the Government of Iceland of such articles in accordance with this agreement, it is necessary for the Government of Iceland to take any action or make any payment in order fully to protect any of the rights of any citizen of the United States of America who has patent rights in or to any such article, the Government of Iceland will, in conformity with the Act of the Congress of the United States of America of March 11, 1941, do so, when so requested by the President of the United States of America.

ARTICLE IV

This Agreement shall continue in force from the date on which it is signed until a date agreed upon between the two Governments.

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Signed in duplicate in the English language at Washington, this twenty-first day of November 1941.

FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CORDELL HULL
Secretary of State of the United States of America

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF ICELAND

VILHJÁLMUR THÓR.
Chairman of the Iceland Trade Delegation

ÁSG. ÁSGEIRSSON
Member of the Delegation

BJÖRN ÓLAFSSON
Member of the Delegation

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The Secretary of State to the Appointed Minister of Iceland

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON
November 21, 1941

SIR:

I have the honor to refer to the Lend-Lease Agreement signed today by representatives of the Government of Iceland and of the Government of the United States and to assure you that in taking action under Article II of the Agreement the Government of the United States will consent to transfers of defense articles by the Government of Iceland to usual distributing agencies within Iceland, provided that such articles will not be reexported from Iceland without the prior consent of the United States Government and will be distributed by such agencies only for the purposes which may be set forth in the pertinent requisitions filed with the Lend-Lease Administration.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

CORDELL HULL

The Honorable
THOR THORS,
Appointed Minister of Iceland.

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